

News Release

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Diane's cycle ride is on track to raise more funds for the Norfolk Hospice.

Hospice Patient, Diane Bocking from Snettisham successfully completed 10 laps of a specially created course inside The Plaza at Searles Leisure Resort on a 2 seater cycle accompanied by Fakenham High School Student Joseph Palmer in her latest fundraising initiative to raise funds for The Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House.

Riders on a second bike included Fakenham High School Student Hew Jones, Hunstanton Mayor Richard Bird, Norfolk Hospice Director of Care John Hunt, Norfolk Hospice Trustee Richard Shaw, Richard Gowen and William Searle representing Searles. The raffle raised just over £100 and additional sponsorship was pledged for Diane.

Norfolk Hospice Fundraising Administrator Zena Penty, said, "The event was delightful. Diane is an extraordinary and determined lady and was constantly trying to encourage her cycling partners to pedal even faster. The management and staff at Searles have as always been extremely supportive in enabling the Care and Fundraising Team to help Diane to participate in such an event".

Diane said "I would like to thank everyone who has sponsored and supported me. I visit the Hospice as a patient once a week. The carers are amazing; they work very hard and really bring you up when you are feeling down. If you go to the Hospice with a solemn face, you always come out with a smile. Reiki, Shiatsu, Facial makeup and hair dressing are all on offer and carried out by the volunteers. I have become a volunteer myself and as long as I am well enough I will raise more funds so other people can benefit as I have".

If you would like to sponsor Diane please call the Fundraising Office on 01485 542891.

Please call Zena Penty on
01485 542891 for further details.

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The Norfolk Hospice - Tapping House

(Reg. Charity No. 1062800)

Since 1984, the Hospice has been providing palliative care to people with cancer, neurological and other life-limiting conditions, to enable them to live life to the full for whatever time is left.

Our services include: holistic day care, home hospice support, bereavement support for families, regular carer support groups, transport, equipment loan and an information service.

We care for over 200 people a month at the hospice and at home. Our care is provided without charge throughout Norfolk and the Fens and it costs £1 million a year to run our Hospice. We depend on the generosity of the community to survive: 85% our costs are paid for by the individuals, organisations and groups who give generously to support our vital care.

In life nothing is certain but, with your help, we can ensure that Norfolk and the Fens has the finest hospice care possible, now and in the future.

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